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**Biennial Report**  
**OF**  
**The Eugenics Board**  
**of North Carolina**

JULY 1, 1952  
TO  
JUNE 30, 1954



ETHEL SPEAS  
*Executive Secretary*



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## EUGENICS BOARD OF NORTH CAROLINA

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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

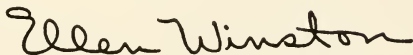
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*To his Excellency, WILLIAM B. UMSTEAD,  
Governor of North Carolina.*

Dear Sir:

I have the honor of submitting herewith the report of the Eugenics Board of North Carolina for the biennial period dating from July 1, 1952 through June 30, 1954.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen Winston". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first name "Ellen" and the last name "Winston" clearly distinguishable.

*Chairman*



## INTRODUCTION

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North Carolina's present sterilization law was passed by the General Assembly of 1933.

The law provides specifically for the sterilization of three types of cases upon authorization of the Eugenics Board: "(1) the feebleminded, (2) the epileptic, and (3) the mentally diseased."

These persons may be sterilized when it is believed that:

- (1) An operation would be for the best interest of the person concerned;
- (2) An operation would be for the public good; or when
- (3) A child or children might be born who would have a tendency to serious mental or nervous disease or deficiency.

The heads of state institutions and county superintendents of public welfare are designated by law to institute sterilization proceedings by filing petitions with the Eugenics Board.

The 1933 statute provides for both hearing and right of appeal.

The members of the Eugenics Board, specified in the law, assure careful consideration of each petition from the social, physical, psychological, psychiatric, and legal viewpoint. The members are: The Commissioner of Public Welfare, the secretary of the State Board of Health, the chief medical officer of an institution for the "feebleminded" or mentally ill of the State of North Carolina not located in Raleigh, the chief medical officer of the State Hospital at Raleigh, and the Attorney General of North Carolina.

The experience of the Eugenics Board over a period of 25 years has led to the conclusion that the sterilization program should be based on education and on careful study of each case. Not only is great responsibility vested in the Board itself, but the successful administration of the program depends largely on the petitioners and their staffs. They are the ones who help the individuals considered for sterilization and their families to understand the meaning of sterilization so that they will consent voluntarily to the operation.

## DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE BIENNIUM

The Eugenics Board has held regular meetings on the fourth Wednesday in each month during the biennium ending June 30, 1954. In addition to the regular meetings, eleven special meetings have been held at the request of petitioners to act upon emergency cases.

The Eugenics Board recognizes that the sterilization program of the state calls for the joint efforts of the state institutions, welfare, and health departments together with the close cooperation of private physicians, nurses, and voluntary agencies. It also calls for a well informed citizenry as related to the meaning of sterilization and the need for certain individuals to have the protection of the operation. With this in mind the Board has continued to sponsor a broad educational program.

Some of the activities of the educational program are summarized as follows: The biennial report of the preceding period has been distributed widely. Notices of the monthly meetings of the Board have been given to the press. Special articles relating to the program have been written for "Public Welfare News", "Public Health Bulletin", "Tar Heel Nurse," and the "Health Council Bulletin."

Letters of interpretation have been sent to county health officers and nurses. Copies of these letters went to field representatives of the State Board of Public Welfare, superintendents of public welfare, and to health educators. The Eugenics Board was included as one of the governmental state-wide resources in the "Directory of Mental Health Resources in North Carolina" published by the North Carolina Mental Hygiene Society in 1953.

The Executive Secretary has visited the state hospitals for the mentally ill, the training school for mentally defectives, the training schools for juvenile delinquents, and the school for the deaf.

Twenty county public welfare departments have been visited. In some instances discussions were held jointly with the welfare and health staffs and the staffs of the voluntary agencies during these visits. Regular discussions have been held with the field representatives of the State Board of Public Welfare. The Executive Secretary has participated on the programs of the

Administrative Conference of superintendents of public welfare, Southeastern Health Workers Conference, public health nurses' Supervisors Conference, the health educators' meetings, and the State Commission for the Blind.

### STATISTICAL INTERPRETATION

Activities under the eugenical sterilization law from its beginning are shown in Table 2. Although there have been fluctuations from one biennium to the next, a steady growth in these activities has taken place over the years. For example, the 626 operations performed during the last biennium represented an increase of 133 per cent over the 269 operations performed during the comparable period ten years earlier.

Slightly over one-half of the operations performed during the biennium resulted from petitions which were non-institutional; that is, they originated in county departments of public welfare. The remaining 48 per cent resulted from petitions originating in State institutions.

The State institutional operations were reported from each of the four State hospitals for the mentally ill and from the training school for the mentally defective. A policy established whereby the superintendents of public welfare accept the responsibility for entering petitions for children in the State training schools for juvenile delinquents, found to be in need of sterilization, accounts for no operations reported for these schools. A similar policy holds true for children in the State School for the Deaf. Petitions for operations for sterilization that may have been submitted for persons in the State Prison have originated in the department of public welfare of the county of residence.

Operations were performed for 298 institutional patients and 328 non-institutional persons. The 298 institutional operations represent a decrease from the 471 operations performed during the preceding biennial period. The number is somewhat higher, however, than the 225 operations performed during the 1948-50 biennium.

There were 328 non-institutional operations during the biennium, which was an increase of 45 per cent over the 226 non-institutional operations performed during the previous biennium. Petitions for these operations originated in 89 of the 100 county

departments of public welfare in the State, the highest number for any biennium in the history of the program.

Table 10A shows the conditions which warranted operations for sterilization; of the 626 persons involved, 61 per cent were feeble-minded, 36 per cent were mentally ill, and 3 per cent were epileptic.

Over two-thirds of the persons sterilized were white, while almost one-third were Negro. However, the number of white persons dropped from 521 in the previous biennium to 423 in this biennium, while the number of Negroes increased from 171 to 202 in the same period. One Indian was reported as compared to two in the previous biennium.

Females continue to form the great majority of persons undergoing eugenical sterilization. Since men are just as likely as women to need the operation, there should be approximately the same number for each sex. Further interpretation is needed to convince men as to the value of the operation and that the operation has no other effect than the prevention of parenthood.

The simple operation required for sterilization is often mistaken for asexualization which is a much more drastic operation. The Eugenics Board orders asexualization only in rare instances, and no such operations were authorized during the biennium.

An analysis of Tables 7 and 7A shows that operations on older persons have increased more rapidly over the years than those performed for adolescents. Prior to July 1952, 21.3 per cent of the persons sterilized were 30 years or over, while during the latest biennium 29.4 per cent were 30 or older; at the same time persons under 20 declined from 42.6 per cent to 30.7 per cent of the total. The largest number of operations continue to be for persons in their twenties; almost 40 per cent of the persons sterilized during the biennium were 20 to 29 years of age.

Single persons continue to constitute about three-fifths of all persons having sterilization operations. During the last biennium 62.8 per cent of the total were single, 30.8 per cent were married, and 6.4 per cent were widowed, separated, or divorced.

Persons sterilized during the biennium were split almost evenly between those who were parents and those who were not. While 311 had no children, 315 were the parents of a total of 988 chil-

dren, or an average of 3.1 children each. This fact demonstrates the importance of early referrals to the Eugenics Board if the program is to be most effective.

As indicated by Table 15, 55 per cent of the operations were performed within one month of authorization and 75 per cent within two months. Only 7.5 per cent of the operations authorized were not performed during the biennium. These data indicate that prompt attention is given to the order of the Eugenics Board in the majority of cases.

Thirty hearing cases were held before the Board during this biennium, as provided by the Eugenics Law. Written consents for the operations were filed by the patients and/or the next of kin in the remaining 620 cases authorized.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF EUGENICS BOARD, 1952-1954

ITEM	Expenditures	
	Actual 1952-1953	Actual 1953-1954
Salaries.....	\$ 7,645.00	\$ 7,786.00
Supplies and Materials.....	39.00	73.00
Postage, Telephone and Telegraph.....	98.00	99.00
Travel Expense.....	300.00	237.00
Printing and Binding.....	268.00	37.00
Subscriptions and Dues.....		10.00
Equipment.....	3.00	241.00
General Expense.....		
Total.....	\$ 8,353.00	\$ 8,483.00

## STATISTICAL TABLES

**TABLE 1**  
**OPERATIONS PERFORMED BY TYPE OF OPERATION AND ORIGIN OF PETITION—JULY 1952-JUNE 1954**

Origin of petition	Total	July 1952—June 1953				July 1953—June 1954			
		Total	Vasec- tomy	Castra- tion	Salpin- gectomy	Ovari- ectomy	Total	Vasec- tomy	Castra- tion
Total.....	626	314	63	---	251	---	312	42	---
State Institution.....	298	163	48	---	115	---	135	23	---
County Institution.....	328	151	15	---	136	---	177	19	---
Non-institution.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

**TABLE 2**  
**CASES HANDLED BY BIENNIAL PERIODS—JULY 1933-JUNE 1954**

Biennial Period	Petitions presented	Operations authorized	Operations performed
Total.....	4,371	4,324	3,819
July 1933—June 1934.....	39	39	31
July 1934—June 1936.....	309	301	252
July 1936—June 1938.....	356	350	296
July 1938—June 1940.....	352	345	305
July 1940—June 1942.....	390	385	339
July 1942—June 1944.....	328	309	269
July 1944—June 1946.....	282	276	238
July 1946—June 1948.....	337	330	291
July 1948—June 1950.....	562	543	468
July 1950—June 1952.....	743	796	704
July 1952—June 1954.....	673	650	626

Forty-nine additional operations were performed prior to July 1933 under previous State legislation, making a total of 3,868 operations performed.

TABLE 2A  
CASES HANDLED BY FISCAL YEAR

Fiscal Year	Petitions Presented	Operations Authorized	Operations Performed
Total.....	673	650	626
July 1962—June 1953.....	338	317	314
July 1953—June 1954.....	335	333	312

TABLE 3  
OPERATIONS PERFORMED ANNUALLY BY SEX AND TYPE OF OPERATION  
JULY 1929-JUNE 1954

Year	Total	Male			Female		
		Total	Vasec- tomy	Castra- tion	Total	Salpin- gectomy	Ovari- ectomy
Total.....	3,868	796	735	61	3,072	3,055	17
1929.....	3	2	1	1	1		1
1930.....	17	2		2	15	10	5
1931.....	11				11	10	1
1932.....	18	9		9	9	7	2
1933.....	4	1	1		3	3	
1934.....	61	15	7	8	46	45	1
1935.....	178	24	17	7	154	152	2
1936.....	98	12	11	1	86	86	
1937.....	128	21	18	3	107	105	2
1938.....	202	56	53	3	146	144	2
1939.....	138	36	34	2	102	102	
1940.....	159	47	45	2	112	112	
1941.....	181	49	45	4	132	132	
1942.....	148	36	32	4	112	112	
1943.....	152	33	29	4	119	119	
1944.....	107	20	18	2	87	87	
1945.....	117	18	15	3	99	98	1
1946.....	106	16	16		90	90	
1947.....	140	26	21	5	114	114	
1948.....	189	34	34		155	155	
1949.....	249	31	31		218	218	
1950.....	300	60	60		240	240	
1951.....	372	106	105	1	266	266	
1952.....	348	83	83		265	265	
1953.....	283	39	39		244	244	
1954 to June.....	159	20	20		139	139	

TABLE 4

STATE INSTITUTIONAL OPERATIONS PERFORMED ANNUALLY BY SEX AND TYPE OF OPERATION—JULY 1929-JUNE 1954

Year	Total	Male			Female		
		Total	Vasectomy	Castration	Total	Salpingectomy	Ovariectomy
Total .....	2,202	609	565	44	1,593	1,585	8
1929 .....							
1930 .....	9	1		1	8	4	4
1931 .....	3				3	3	
1932 .....	15	9		9	6	5	1
1933 .....	2	1	1		1	1	
1934 .....	45	13	5	8	32	31	1
1935 .....	82	15	9	6	67	67	
1936 .....	56	10	10		46	46	
1937 .....	82	16	15	1	66	66	
1938 .....	152	50	48	2	102	101	1
1939 .....	70	29	28	1	41	41	
1940 .....	94	36	36		58	58	
1941 .....	103	38	37	1	65	65	
1942 .....	98	33	29	4	65	65	
1943 .....	107	32	28	4	75	75	
1944 .....	63	15	13	2	48	48	
1945 .....	74	14	11	3	60	59	1
1946 .....	47	11	11		36	36	
1947 .....	65	15	13	2	50	50	
1948 .....	92	23	23		69	69	
1949 .....	109	21	21		88	88	
1950 .....	187	51	51		136	136	
1951 .....	255	92	92		163	163	
1952 .....	213	62	62		151	151	
1953 .....	104	11	11		93	93	
1954 to June 30 .....	75	11	11		64	64	

TABLE 5

COUNTY INSTITUTIONAL OPERATIONS PERFORMED ANNUALLY BY SEX AND TYPE OF OPERATION—JULY 1929-JUNE 1954

Year	Total	Male			Female		
		Total	Vasec- tomy	Castra- tion	Total	Salpin- gectomy	Ovari- ectomy
Total.....	91	5	1	4	86	83	3
1929.....	2	1		1	1		1
1930.....	3	1		1	2	2	
1931.....	4				4	3	1
1932.....							
1933.....							
1934.....	1				1	1	
1935.....	11	1		1	10	10	
1936.....	5				5	5	
1937.....	4				4	3	1
1938.....	2				2	2	
1939.....	9				9	9	
1940.....	6				6	6	
1941.....	5	1		1	4	4	
1942.....	7				7	7	
1943.....	4				4	4	
1944.....	5				5	5	
1945.....	1				1	1	
1946.....	2				2	2	
1947.....	6				6	6	
1948.....	1				1	1	
1949.....	5	1	1		4	4	
1950.....	2				2	2	
1951.....	5				5	5	
1952.....	1				1	1	
1953.....							
1954 to June 30.....							

TABLE 6  
 NON-INSTITUTIONAL OPERATIONS PERFORMED ANNUALLY BY SEX AND TYPE  
 OF OPERATION—JULY 1929-JUNE 1954

Year	Total	Male			Female		
		Total	Vasec- tomy	Castra- tion	Total	Salpin- gectomy	Ovari- ectomy
Total.....	1,575	181	168	13	1,394	1,388	6
1929.....	1	1	1				
1930.....	5				5	4	1
1931.....	4				4	4	
1932.....	3				3	2	1
1933.....	2				2	2	
1934.....	15	2	2		13	13	
1935.....	85	8	8		77	75	2
1936.....	37	2	1	1	35	35	
1937.....	42	5	3	2	37	36	1
1938.....	48	6	5	1	42	41	1
1939.....	59	7	6	1	52	52	
1940.....	59	11	9	2	48	48	
1941.....	73	10	8	2	63	63	
1942.....	43	3	3		40	40	
1943.....	41	1	1		40	40	
1944.....	39	5	5		34	34	
1945.....	42	4	4		38	38	
1946.....	57	5	5		52	52	
1947.....	69	11	8	3	58	58	
1948.....	96	11	11		85	85	
1949.....	135	9	9		126	126	
1950.....	111	9	9		102	102	
1951.....	112	14	13	1	98	98	
1952.....	134	20	20		114	114	
1953.....	179	28	28		151	151	
1954 to June 30.....	84	9	9		75	75	

TABLE 7

TYPE OF OPERATION PERFORMED BY AGE AND SEX OF PERSON  
JULY 1929-JUNE 1954

Age	Total	Male			Female		
		Total	Vasec- tomy	Castra- tion	Total	Salpin- gectomy	Ovari- ectomy
Total	3,868	796	735	61	3,072	3,055	17
10-19	1,576	296	275	21	1,280	1,270	10
20-29	1,418	272	246	26	1,146	1,142	4
30-39	755	162	150	12	593	590	3
40-49	109	56	55	1	53	53	
50 and over	8	8	8				
unknown	2	2	1	1			

TABLE 7A

TYPE OF OPERATION PERFORMED BY AGE AND SEX OF PERSON  
JULY 1952-JUNE 1954

Age	Total	Male			Female		
		Total	Vasec- tomy	Castra- tion	Total	Salpin- gectomy	Ovari- ectomy
Total	626	105	105		521	521	
10-19	192	32	32		160	160	
20-29	250	37	37		213	213	
30-39	160	23	23		137	137	
40-49	23	12	12		11	11	
50 and over	1	1	1				
Unknown							

TABLE 8  
STATE INSTITUTIONAL OPERATIONS BY INSTITUTION, SEX, AND TYPE OF OPERATION  
JULY 1929-JUNE 1954

Institution	Total	Male			Female		
		Total	Vasectomy	Castration	Total	Salpingectomy	Ovariectomy
Total.....	2,213	622	577	45	1,591	1,583	8
Caswell Training School.....	391	150	138	12	241	240	1
Eastern Carolina Training School.....	4	4	4				
Samarand Manor.....	300				300	296	4
State Farm Colony for Women <sup>1</sup> .....	9				9	9	
State Hospital at Butler <sup>2</sup> .....	5	4	4		1	1	
State Hospital at Goldsboro.....	323	181	157	24	142	142	
State Hospital at Morganton.....	580	180	180		400	399	1
State Hospital at Raleigh.....	587	96	87	9	491	489	2
State Prison.....	1	1	1				
State Training School for Negro Girls.....	3				3	3	
State School for Deaf.....	2				2	2	
Stonevall Jackson Training School.....	6	6	6				
Woman's Prison.....	2				2	2	

<sup>1</sup>Closed prior to this biennial period.

<sup>2</sup>Opened in 1947.

**TABLE 8A**  
**STATE INSTITUTIONAL OPERATIONS BY INSTITUTIONS, TYPE OF OPERATION AND FISCAL YEAR**  
**JULY 1952-JUNE 1954**

Institution	Total	July 1952—June 1953					July 1953—June 1954				
		Total	Vasec- tomy	Castra- tion	Salpin- gectomy	Ovari- ectomy	Total	Vasec- tomy	Castra- tion	Salpin- gectomy	Ovari- ectomy
Total.....	298	163	48		115		135	23		112	
Caswell Training School.....	58	32	7		25		26	2		24	
Eastern Carolina Training School.....											
Samarand Manor.....											
State Hospital at Goldsboro.....	13	5	1		4		8	1		7	
State Hospital at Morganton.....	181	88	31		57		93	18		75	
State Hospital at Raleigh.....	42	34	5		29		8	2		6	
State Hospital at Butler.....	4	4	4								

<sup>1</sup>Petitions filed by county superintendents of public welfare.

Type of Operation	Total	White	Negro	Other
Total.....	3,868	2,896	967	5
Vasectomy.....	736	533	203	
Castration.....	61	33	28	
Salpingectomy.....	3,054	2,314	735	5
Ovariectomy.....	17	16	1	

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TABLE 10  
OPERATIONS PERFORMED BY TYPE OF DIAGNOSIS, SOURCE OF PETITION AND MARITAL STATUS  
JULY 1929-JUNE 1954

Diagnosis shown on petition	Total	Marital Status											
		Married				Single				Widowed, divorced, or separated			
		Total	State Institution	County Institution	Non-Institution	Total	State Institution	County Institution	Non-Institution	Total	State Institution	County Institution	Non-Institution
Total	3,868	992	695	8	289	2,644	1,405	76	1,163	232	114	7	111
Mental disease	1,181	651	627	1	23	428	417		11	102	96		6
Epilepsy	315	84	44	2	38	222	162	6	54	9	6		3
Feeble-minded	2,372	257	24	5	228	1,994	826	70	1,098	121	12	7	102

TABLE 10A  
OPERATIONS PERFORMED BY TYPE OF DIAGNOSIS, SOURCE OF PETITION AND MARITAL STATUS  
JULY 1952-JUNE 1954

Diagnosis shown on petition	Total	Marital Status											
		Married				Single			Widowed, divorced, or separated				
		Total	State Institution	County Institution	Non-Institution	Total	State Institution	County Institution	Non-Institution	Total	State Institution	County Institution	Non-Institution
Total	626	193	130		63	393	150		243	40	18		22
Mental disease	226	130	125		5	78	78			18	17		1
Epilepsy	19	11	3		8	7	1		6	1			1
Feeble-minded	381	52	2		50	308	71		237	21	1		20

TABLE 11

STATE INSTITUTIONAL OPERATIONS AUTHORIZED AND PERFORMED BY COUNTY  
OF RESIDENCE—JULY 1952-JUNE 1954

County of Residence <sup>1</sup>	Total Operations		July 1952—June 1953		July 1953—June 1954	
			Operations <sup>2</sup>		Operations	
	Authorized	Performed	Authorized	Performed	Authorized	Performed
Total .....	277	298	142	163	135	135
Alamance .....	2	2	1	1	1	1
Alexander .....	4	3	2	1	2	2
Alleghany .....	1	1			1	1
Anson .....	1				1	
Ashe .....	5	5	2	2	3	3
Avery .....	7	6	1	1	6	5
Beaufort .....	2	1			2	1
Bertie .....	1	1	1	1		
Bladen .....	3	4	2	3	1	1
Buncombe .....	11	9	5	3	6	6
Burke .....	7	6	5	3	2	3
Cabarrus .....	9	8	6	6	3	2
Caldwell .....	2	3		1	2	2
Carteret .....	1	2		1	1	1
Caswell .....		2				2
Catawba .....	11	10	3	3	8	7
Cherokee .....	3	3	2	2	1	1
Clay .....	3	3	1		2	3
Cleveland .....	9	8	4	4	5	4
Columbus .....	4	3	3	1	1	2
Craven .....	4	4	4	2		2
Cumberland .....		1		1		
Dare .....		1				1
Davie .....	1	2	1	2		
Duplin .....	3	1	2		1	1
Durham .....	2	2	1	1	1	1
Edgecombe .....		1		1		
Forsyth .....	2	2	2	2		
Franklin .....	1				1	
Gaston .....	16	17	9	9	7	8
Gates .....		1		1		
Graham .....	1	2		1	1	1
Granville .....	1	1			1	1
Guilford .....	3	5	2	4	1	1
Harnett .....	2	2			2	2
Haywood .....	5	4	2	1	3	3
Henderson .....	4	4	3	3	1	1
Hoke .....		1		1		
Hyde .....	1	1	1	1		

TABLE 11—Continued

County of Residence <sup>1</sup>	Total Operations		July 1952—June 1953		July 1953—June 1954	
			Operations		Operations	
	Authorized	Performed	Authorized	Performed	Authorized	Performed
Iredell.....	9	10	6	6	3	4
Jackson.....	2	2	2	2		
Johnston.....	4	6	4	6		
Jones.....	1	1	1			1
Lee.....		1		1		
Lenoir.....	1	1	1	1		
Lincoln.....	5	5	1	1	4	4
Macon.....	3		1		2	
Madison.....	4	5	2	4	2	1
McDowell.....	4	4	4	4		
Mecklenburg.....	14	19	5	11	9	9
Mitchell.....	3	2			3	2
Moore.....	2	2	2	2		
Nash.....	3	4	2	3	1	1
New Hanover.....	6	6	4	5	2	1
Northampton.....		1		1		
Onslow.....	2	2	2	2		
Orange.....	2	2			2	2
Pasquotank.....	1	1			1	1
Pender.....	2	2	1	1	1	1
Pitt.....	5	5	4	4	1	1
Polk.....	4	4	1	1	3	3
Richmond.....		2		2		
Robeson.....	1	2	1	1		1
Rockingham.....	2	2			2	2
Rowan.....	11	10	6	5	5	5
Rutherford.....	4	4	1	3	3	1
Sampson.....	1	3	1	3		
Scotland.....	2	2	2	1		1
Stanly.....	1	1	1	1		
Stokes.....		1				1
Surry.....	9	10	5	5	4	5
Swain.....	1	1			1	1
Transylvania.....	5	5	2	2	3	3
Union.....	6	6	3	3	3	3
Wake.....	3	7	1	4	2	3
Watauga.....	5	5	2	3	3	2
Wayne.....	2	5	1	4	1	1
Wilkes.....	6	7	2	2	4	5
Wilson.....	3	2	1	1	2	1
Yadkin.....	4	4	4	4		
Yancey.....	1	1	1	1		

<sup>1</sup>No operations were authorized or performed for residents of counties omitted from table.<sup>2</sup>Thirty-six were authorized during preceding biennial period.

TABLE 12

NON-INSTITUTIONAL OPERATIONS AUTHORIZED AND PERFORMED BY COUNTY  
OF RESIDENCE—JULY 1952-JUNE 1954

County of Residence <sup>1</sup>	Total Operations		July 1952—June 1953		July 1953—June 1954	
			Operations <sup>2</sup>		Operations	
	Authorized	Performed	Authorized	Performed	Authorized	Performed
Total.....	373	328	175	151	198	177
Alamance.....	6	4	3	2	3	1
Anson.....	8	8	2	2	6	6
Ashe.....	1	1	1	1		
Beaufort.....	2	1			2	1
Bertie.....	2	2	2	2		
Bladen.....	16	15	6	4	10	11
Buncombe.....	9	9	6	5	3	4
Burke.....	1	1			1	1
Cabarrus.....	4	3	1		3	3
Caldwell.....	3	3	1	1	2	2
Carteret.....	2	2	2	1		1
Caswell.....	1	1	1			1
Catawba.....	6	5	4	3	2	2
Chatham.....	11	11	7	7	4	4
Cherokee.....	1	1	1	1		
Cleveland.....	4	5	3	4	1	1
Columbus.....	3	3		1	3	2
Craven.....	3	2			3	2
Cumberland.....	9	6	4	4	5	2
Davidson.....	3	2			3	2
Duplin.....	5	5	3	3	2	2
Durham.....	4	4	1	2	3	2
Edgecombe.....	8	8	8	8		
Forsyth.....	14	11	8	5	6	6
Franklin.....	2	1	1	1	1	
Gaston.....	8	7	2	2	6	5
Gates.....	2	3	1	2	1	1
Granville.....	1		1			
Guilford.....	13	11	6	4	7	7
Halifax.....	6	4	4	2	2	2
Harnett.....	7	9	5	5	2	4
Haywood.....	2	2	2	2		
Henderson.....	1	1			1	1
Hertford.....	6	6	4	4	2	2
Hoke.....	2	2	2	2		
Hyde.....	4	5	2	1	2	4
Iredell.....	7	5	1	1	6	4
Jackson.....	1	1			1	1
Johnston.....	3	3	2	3	1	
Jones.....	1				1	
Lee.....	5	5	3	3	2	2
Lenoir.....	3	2	2		1	2
Lincoln.....	3	2	2	2	1	
Macon.....		1				1

TABLE 12—*Continued*

County of residence	Total Operations		July 1952—June 1953		July 1953—June 1954	
			Operations		Operations	
	Authorized	Performed	Authorized	Performed	Authorized	Performed
Madison.....	4	2	1	1	3	1
Martin.....		1		1		
McDowell.....	2	2	1		1	2
Mecklenburg.....	19	17	7	6	12	11
Mitchell.....	1	1			1	1
Moore.....	14	11	4	3	10	8
Nash.....	1	2		1	1	1
New Hanover.....	7	4	7	4		
Northampton.....	4	5		1	4	4
Onslow.....	3	3	3	2		1
Orange.....	3	3	1	1	2	2
Pamlico.....	5	3			5	3
Pasquotank.....	4	2	4	1		1
Pender.....	4	2	4	1		1
Perquimans.....	2	2	2	1		1
Person.....	2	1			2	1
Pitt.....	10	8	2	2	8	6
Polk.....	1	1	1	1		
Randolph.....	2	1			2	1
Richmond.....	5	2	1	1	4	1
Robeson.....	6	5	2	1	4	4
Rockingham.....	9	8	7	5	2	3
Rowan.....	14	15	6	6	8	9
Rutherford.....	1				1	
Sampson.....	2	3	1	1	1	2
Scotland.....	3	2	1		2	2
Stanly.....	1				1	
Stokes.....	5	2			5	2
Surry.....	6	6	3	4	3	2
Transylvania.....	8	8	2	3	6	5
Union.....	1	3	1	3		
Vance.....	4	6	2	3	2	3
Wake.....	5	3	1	1	4	2
Warren.....	3	3	1	1	2	2
Wayne.....	2	3		2	2	1
Wilkes.....	4	4	4	4		
Wilson.....	3	2	2		1	2

<sup>1</sup>No operations were performed on residents of counties omitted from table.<sup>2</sup>Eighteen were authorized during preceding biennial period.

TABLE 13  
NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS HAVING CHILDREN PRIOR TO STERILIZATION BY MARITAL STATUS AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN PER PERSON  
JULY 1952-JUNE 1954

Number of children born per person prior to sterilization	Total <sup>1</sup>	July 1952—June 1953				July 1953—June 1954			
		Total	Married	Single	Separated divorced widowed	Total	Married	Single	Separated divorced widowed
Total -----	315 <sup>3</sup>	158	85	55	18	157	98	44	15
One child -----	73	38	11	24	3	35	17	18	—
Two children -----	78	37	26	10	1	41	18	19	4
Three children -----	57	30	17	7	6	27	22	3	2
Four children -----	43	22	10	6	6	21	17	2	2
Five children -----	24	9	5	4	—	15	7	2	6
Six children -----	15	9	6	2	1	6	5	—	1
Seven children -----	9	5	5	—	—	4	4	—	—
Eight children -----	7	4	2	2	—	3	3	—	—
Nine children -----	6	2	2	—	—	4	4	—	—
Ten or more <sup>2</sup> -----	3	2	1	—	1	1	1	—	—

<sup>1</sup>311 persons had no children.

<sup>2</sup>1 had 13 children.

<sup>3</sup>Total children born prior to sterilization 988.

TABLE 14  
LENGTH OF TIME BETWEEN AUTHORIZATION AND OPERATION  
JULY 1952-JUNE 1954

Length of time	Total	July 1952—June 1953	July 1953—June 1954
Total .....	626	314	312
Less than 1 Month .....	347	163	184
1 to 2 months .....	124	69	55
3 to 4 months .....	60	35	25
5 to 6 months .....	41	20	21
6 months to 1 year .....	46	21	25
1 to 2 years .....	6	5	1
2 to 3 years .....	1	0	1
4 years and over .....	1	1	-----









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